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MUDA site allotment scam

Mysuru Lokayukta forms 4 teams to probe CM, family

Snehamayi Krishna files money laundering complaint against Siddaramaiah with Enforcement Directorate

Mysuru, Sept. 29 (RK&BCT)- The Mysuru Lokayukta Police have formed four special teams to probe the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) site allotment case involving Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his family.

Lokayukta SP T.J. Udesh in Mysuru has appointed teams led by Lokayukta Dy.SP S.K. Malteesh, Chamarajanagar Dy.SP Mathew Thomas, Mysuru Police Inspector Ravi Kumar and Madikeri Police Inspector Lokesh Kumar, officials confirmed. Each team has been given specific responsibility to investigate the high-profile case.

The teams are currently reviewing Court-submitted documents, authenticated by the complainant, as part of their preliminary assessment.

A view of the Mysuru Lokayukta SP office building in city.

Field investigations are set to commence on Monday, Sept. 30. Udesh has already met with Lokayukta officers to formulate a comprehensive strategy for investigating the corruption charges against the Chief Minister and his family, as outlined in the FIR.

(See LOKAYUKTA on page 9)

Rave party at KRS backwaters 54 detained

Mysuru, Sept. 29 (RK, BLU&BCT)- A major rave party near the backwaters of Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam resulted in the detention of 54 individuals, including seven women, last night.

The Mysuru District Police conducted a night-long raid at a farmhouse in Yedahalli village near Meenakshipura, following reports of illegal activities.

Early this morning, those arrested were subjected to blood tests to check for the presence of drugs and narcotics. Speaking to the media at Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's residence, Superintendent of Police (SP) N. Vishnuvardhana stated that the raid, headed by Additional SP Nagesh, was part of an extensive operation.

"The process of identifying the individuals, organisers and farmhouse owners is underway and FIR registration has begun. Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) personnel are already at the scene. The rave party was promoted through social media and we are investigating the possible presence of foreign nationals," the SP said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah responded to the incident by confirming that 54 people have been detained and assured that legal proceedings would follow. "The law will take its own course and action will be taken against any illegal activities," he remarked.

Police sources revealed that the raid was ordered by DIGP (Southern Range) Dr. M.B. Boralingaiah and SP Vishnuvardhana and was carried out by Additional SP Nagesh, with over 60 officers, including Mysuru South Dy.SP Kareem Rawthar, Yelwal Circle Inspector Shivananjashetty, District Women's Police Inspector Yogananjappa and Sub-Inspector Shanthala.

According to the SP, Yelwal Police were tipped off about the rave party and a team was dispatched to investigate.

(See PARTY on page 9)

Democracy in bloom at Dasara Flower Show

Star attractions: Replicas of Parliament House, Basavanna's Anubhava Mantapa, Gautama Buddha's meeting

Mysuru, Sept. 29 (MTY&BCT)- As part of the vibrant Dasara festivities, this year's annual Flower Show at Kuppanna Park (Nishad Bhag) in Mysuru city is set to dazzle visitors with stunning replicas of the Parliament House, Anubhava Mantapa and the Legislative Assembly Hall, all crafted from millions of flowers inside the grand glass house.

The Dasara Flower Show, a highlight of the festival, boasts over one lakh flower pots showcasing more than 40 varieties of blooms nurtured by the Horticulture Department across various nurseries.

(See FLOWER SHOW on page 9)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 29th September 2024

VTU Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Sept. 29- **S. Adarsh** has been awarded Ph.D in Civil Engineering Sciences by the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, for his thesis titled 'Simple and Accurate Flow Measuring Devices in Agricultural and Industrial Field' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M.N. Shesha Prakash.

K.P. Vidyashree has been awarded Ph.D in Computer and Information Sciences by the Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi, for her thesis titled 'A Hybrid Expert System Framework For User Review Analysis Using Machine Learning Techniques' submitted under the guidance of Dr. A.B. Rajendra.

B.S. Gowri Shankar has been awarded Ph.D in Computer and Information Sciences by Visvesvaraya Technological University, for his thesis 'Automatic Transcription for South Indian Music (ATSIM)' [Guide: Dr. Nagappa U. Bhajantri].

B.J. Manjunatha has been awarded Ph.D in Applied Sciences (Mathematics) by Visvesvaraya Technological University for his thesis 'A Study on Eigenvalues Associated With Graphs' [Guides: Dr. B.R. Rakshith and Dr. K.N. Prakasha].

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

BREAKING FREE FROM STRESS: ***Stress is a situation that results when circumstances get beyond one's control or when the required resources are in short supply. Such situations may be different for each one, but more or less connected with health, wealth and progeny. Are there any ways of coping with this anxiety which may easily cross over to the undesirable level of stress?***

Firstly, stress regarding health can be minimised by adopting preventive measures rather than therapeutic ones. Overloading any machine like a mixer or washing machine snaps it. Likewise excessive consumption distresses the digestive machine. One is to a large extent what one eats, along with genetic influences. So let us watch what and how much we eat.

Secondly, excessive desire is the cause for wealth accumulation. A Sanskrit *subhashita* ***states that desires are fetters that restrain speed for a running person, whereas a desire free man is unshackled but stands still, as if lame. He is content in his present situation.***

The more you have the more you covet, as the story of Yayati from the scriptures tells us. He traded his old age for his son Puru's youth as he did not want his sensual enjoyment to end. But after hundreds of years he got disgusted with his way of life and took back his senility. He had realised that desires were endless. Why cannot we curtail our pursuits of excess consumption? We will then not be victims of stress when desires remain unfulfilled.

The last aspect, that of progeny, is the trickiest of all. Attachment grows with the birth of a child and the child's desires gradually get added to those of the parents.

In addition, the child's progress at school or career may become a stressor for a few parents. The best way is not to nurse high expectations from a child.

Stress results from yet another source; when one is too dependent on another for one's petty personal work. As the saying goes, "Do not depend on anyone, for your own shadow leaves you while you are in darkness."

You may be prompt in helping others but they may not be so and such delay induces stress. Self help is the most trusted source as you are available 24x7 and can always improve on a shoddy job. *—Sandhya Vasudev in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Giant root vegetable breaks record

London: A British man who took his giant produce to the Malvern Autumn Show broke a Guinness World Record with a 13-pound root vegetable called a celeriac.

Gloucester resident Graham Barratt received confirmation Thursday that his vegetable was the new record-holder for heaviest celeriac.

"It's either weight or length for giant veg, but it's not beauty. Some of them are quite ugly," Barratt joked in an interview with BBC Radio.

Barratt also brought other giant vegetables to the Malvern Autumn Show, including a cucumber that was just short of earning him a second record.

The world's tallest hat!

Pennsylvania: A Pennsylvania man achieved his years-long dream of creating the world's tallest hat when he took a stroll wearing his 17-foot, 9.5-inch cap.

Joshua Kiser successfully broke the record in Breinigsville, Pa., after several years of failed attempts that began when Penn State University closed its campus in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I was browsing the records on the GWR website looking for some inspiration. Eventually I stumbled upon a picture of the eccentric man posing with a gigantic top hat on his head — the world's tallest hat," Kiser told Guinness World Records.

The "eccentric man," Odilon Ozare, had set the record in 2018 with a 15-foot, 9-inch hat.

HEALTH CAPSULE

HPV vaccine should be taken by all adolescent girls age 9 to 14 years, to prevent Cancer of Cervix

By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant - Obstetrics And Gynecology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

'Dhwani Kotta Dhani' Award presentation on Sept. 30

Dr. Latha Chandragupta Ramesh Ramanath Obaiah Prakash

Mysuru, Sept. 29- Marking the 109th birth anniversary of former Chief Minister late D. Devaraj Urs, the city's Anveshana Seva Trust will be conferring 'Dhwani Kotta Dhani' award on six achievers from different fields at a programme to take place at the Institution of Engineers on JLB Road at 10.30 am on Sept. 30.

Former Minister P.G.R. Sindhia will inaugurate the programme, while District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar will preside. MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah will speak on the contributions of Devaraj Urs, while former Kuvempu University Vice-Chancellor Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda will confer the 'Dhwani Kotta Dhani' award on achievers: City-based Poetess Dr. Latha Rajashekar, Aushad Group of Companies Managing Director Chandragupta V. Jain, AHINDA Community leader T.P. Ramesh of Madikeri, Vasavi Prakashana Director Ramanath Gupta, retired Senior Superintendent of Post Offices K. Obaiah and Progressive farmer of Kudukur village in Periyapatna taluk, Prakash Raje Urs.

For more details, contact Mob: 94484-02092 or 98804-12045.

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Yesterday's level **124.08 feet**	Friday's level **2,282.54 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,858.06 feet**
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Today's Outflow **4,596 cusecs**	Yesterday's Outflow **1,850 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,000 cusecs**

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VOICE OF THE READER

Neglected road in Dattagalli

Sir,

The 3rd A Cross Road that branches out from the service road of Ring Road in Dattagalli that goes in front of Sukrutha PU College has been in worst condition since 6 years, battered by rains, rolling of heavy trucks containing bricks, stones and M sand whose selling point is adjacent to the road.

Through this column, I have been writing to get attention of the authorities as well as the area Corporator for asphalting the road.

Now, building waste materials are dumped on potholes making it not only unmotorable but also non walkable. With Dasara grant given in plenty, I request the authorities to repair and asphalt this road urgently.

—B.G. Balaji
Kanakadasanagara
27.9.2024

Dasara CM Cup Sports Meet-2024

Indian Men's Hockey Team Captain Harmanpreeth Singh is chief guest

Mysuru, Sept. 29 (VNS)- Olympic bronze medallist and Indian Men's Hockey Team Captain Harmanpreet Singh will be the chief guest at this year's Dasara CM Cup Sports Meet – 2024. The event will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Oct. 3 at 4.30 pm in Chamundi Vihar Stadium.

Harmanpreet Singh, renowned for his penalty corner expertise, is considered one of the world's top drag flickers. He led India to a bronze medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics, marking his second bronze in three Olympic appearances. Singh also captained the team to gold at the 2022 Asian Games and has twice earned the Player of the Year title at the Fédération Internationale de Hockey (FIH) Awards. He holds the modern record for the most international goals scored for India in turf hockey and scored 10 goals in eight matches at the 2024 Olympics, second only to Surinder Singh Sodhi's 15 goals in six matches at the 1980 Olympics.

Harmanpreet Singh

Dasara Film Fest inauguration on Oct. 3

Mysuru, Sept. 29 (VNS)- The inauguration of Dasara Film Festival-2024 will be held on Oct. 3 at the KSOU Convocation Hall in Muktagangothri at 10.30 am.

The film festival will be inaugurated by District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa in the presence of CM Siddaramaiah, Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar and Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy.

Ministers K. Venkatesh and Shivaraj Tangadagi, Jungle Lodges and Resorts Chairman C. Anil Kumar, Mysore Sales International Limited Chairman C. Puttaranga Shetty, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited Chairman Ramesh Babu Bandisiddegowda, Karnataka State Guarantee Schemes Implementation Authority Vice-Chairperson Dr. Pushpa Amarnath will be present. The event will be presided by MLA K. Harish Gowda.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and Chamarajanagar MP Sunil Bose will be the chief guests. Legislators Tanveer Sait, G.T. Devegowda, H. Vishwanath, Dr. D. Thimmaiah, C.N. Manjegowda, Madhu G. Madegowda, D. Ravishankar, G.D. Harishgowda, Darshan Dhruvanarayan, T.S. Srivatsa, Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah and K. Vivekananda, MUDA Chairman Marigowda, Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Ayub Khan, Command Area Development Authority Chairman Mariswamy and Kannada Book Authority Chairman Dr. Manasa will be the guests of honour.

Regional Commissioner D.S. Ramesh, Deputy Commissioner and Dasara Special Officer G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, City Police Commissioner and Dasara Deputy Special Officer Seema Latkar, SP and Dasara Deputy Special Officer N. Vishnuvardhan and ZP CEO and Dasara Deputy Special Officer K.M. Gayathri will be present.

Cine actors Ramesh Arvind, Daali Dhananjaya, Saptami Gowda, Sharanya Shetty and Akshitha Bopaiah and Film Producer Yogesh Dwarkish will add glamour to the event. The inaugural event will also feature entertainment programme by a team led by actor and music composer Sadhu Kokila.

Calling Safai Karmacharis

Mysuru, Sept. 29- Karnataka Rajya Safai Karmachari Abhivruddhi Nigama, Mysuru, has invited applications to avail benefits under various schemes from eligible persons for the year 2024-25.

The Nigama is offering various schemes such as self-employment, Prerana (self-help group), land ownership and distribution of laptops for children for Safai Karmacharis and manual scavengers or their dependants.

Interested can submit their applications in *www.sevasindhuservices.karnataka.gov.in* or visit KarnatakaOne, GramaOne before Oct.10. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2332480.

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Elephant paintings on road draws a flak

Mysuru, Sept. 29 (BS)- Elephants are revered as God in Hindu tradition, for resembling Lord Ganesha. It is also believed that, the sight of elephants and worshipping the animal brings prosperity.

Elephants are central to the celebration of world famous *Nada Habba* Mysuru Dasara every year. It is true that the annual festival is incomplete without elephants. However, in a hurry to make Dasara innovative and attractive, the District Administration has hurt the sentiments associated with the elephants. It has drawn a flak from the general public who have blamed the authorities for setting a bad precedent, by painting the circles around the heritage significant memorials, with that of elephants.

The paintings of elephants can be seen dotting the prominent circles in city ahead of Dasara. It has not gone down well with the theists, with pedestrians walking on the painting of the elephants and vehicles, leaving behind the marks of tyres on the same paintings, creating an embossed look.

Apart from Mysuru Dasara, the elephants form the fulcrum of various festivals in Kerala. The Trissur Pooram and Nenmara Vela in the God's Own Country, comprises colourful processions involving caparisoned elephants, with melange of fireworks. Durga festival is another festival, where elephants amble on the streets during the procession. Most big temples in State have elephants, which attract devotees, for whom the visit to the temple is not complete without paying obeisance to elephants too.

NEWS BRIEFS

Mahatma Gandhi prayer meeting

Marking Gandhi Jayanti, the District Administration, in association with MCC and Department of Information and Public Relations, will be organising a Mahatma Gandhi prayer meeting at Town Hall in city at 8.30 am on Oct. 2. District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will inaugurate the event in the presence of CM Siddaramaiah and Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy. MPs Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and Sunil Bose will be the chief guests. Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda will preside.

'Yogasiri' award

As part of Dasara festivities, Yoga Dasara will be inaugurated by Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao at MMC&RI Platinum Jubilee Auditorium in J.K. Grounds at 5 pm on Oct. 4. Following the inauguration, 'Yogasiri' award will be conferred on six Yoga achievers of the city — K.G. Devaraj and Chandru of Hootagalli, Yogakumar and Satyavathi of Hinkal, Bapu R. Nachiketh of Mandi Mohalla and Rama R. Kedlaya of Vijayanagar Fourth Stage.

Janapada Ranga Utsava from Oct. 3

As part of Dasara festival, Rangayana, Mysuru, will be organising 'Navarathri Janapada Ranga Utsava,' a 9-day Folklore Theatre Festival at Vanaranga in Rangayana premises from Oct. 3 to 11. Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi will inaugurate the event at 5.30 pm on Oct. 3.

Training in Export Management

Visvesvaraya Trade Promotion Centre (VTPC), Bengaluru, along with District Industries Centre (DIC), Mysuru, will be conducting a 6-day Export Management Training Programme for entrepreneurs, industrialists and businessmen at The President Hotel in city from Oct. 21 to 26. Those interested can register themselves at the office of the Deputy Director, VTPC. For details, contact Mob: 94818-15035 or e-mail: *vtpcmysore@gmail.com*, according to a press release.

Ph.D awardee

M. Prema has been awarded Ph.D in Chemistry by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'Transition Metal Complexes With Bioactive Ligands And Their Applications' submitted under the guidance of Dr. H.D. Revanasiddappa.

'Don't ignore development works in the name of Dasara'

CM Siddaramaiah speaks tough; warns officials of stern action for being lax in executing the works

Mysuru, Sept. 29 (SBD&BS)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah pulled up the officials of the district, warning them against coming out with lame excuses and ignoring the development works in the name of Dasara.

He was chairing the progress review meeting of the district at Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Hall in city on Friday.

The CM, who began with a quote of Mahatma Gandhiji, said, "People's Court and Conscience is Above All the Courts" and told a few words of advise to the officials, but with a subtle message that, the Government won't tolerate officers with lackadaisical attitude.

"The Officers should stop citing excuses and telling lies. A lie is followed by another lie to defend the first, which is never ending. Such officers will, however, be caught one day, but it doesn't hold good to your career. I have seen officers of several cadres and have also raised my voice as Opposition Party Leader. The Officers should be alert in time management, as I believe that, those without discipline commit errors. Hence those officials, who ignore development works, won't be tolerated by this Government. The District Minister should initiate action without showing any mercy," warned Siddaramaiah.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah (2nd from right) chairing the progress review meeting of the district at Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Hall in city on Friday as others look on.

Grand Dasara

CM Siddaramaiah, a native of Mysuru, directed the officials to leave no stone unturned to celebrate Dasara on a grand scale this year. With the State receiving copious rain this year, exceeding the forecast of weatherman, there should be no compromise on the gaiety and glory associated with the annual festival, he said.

Law and Order

Saying that the development and economy hinges on law and order situation in the State, the CM attributed the crimes to irresponsibility of Police Department. There is a correlation between the investments and law and order situation, he said.

Agile in work

There is no dearth of funds for development initiatives, with the grants sanctioned for budgetary announcements. The Action Plan should be ready at the time of releasing the funds and with barely six months left for the present fiscal year to complete, the officials who lag behind in executing the works will be dealt strictly.

Over eight hours..

The meeting that began at around 1 pm lasted for eight-and-a-half hours, with the CM Siddaramaiah reviewing the progress of every Departments. Interestingly, even as CM was in the city, Lokayukta Police of Mysuru Division filed a FIR in relation to the case of MUDA site irregularities.

Barring a lunch break for 30 minutes from 3.15 pm, the meeting was resumed again, with the officials hoping that it would end by 5 pm or 6 pm. But when the meeting lasted at 9.40 pm, the officials looked red faced, with the CM chastising them according to his whims and fancy.

DDPI scrambles for words

DDPI Javaregowda found himself in an embarrassing situation, as he replied in monosyllables, to the series of questions posed by the CM at the meeting.

The CM asked DDPI, Is Kannada being taught in CBSE and ICSE Schools? The DDPI came out with a mixed reply — Yes and No. As he continued to react shortly, the fellow officials could not stop laughing. The CM eventually directed the DDPI to take steps to improve SSLC results by conducting special coaching, series of exams to improve the efficacy of the students, including those who are academically poor.

Dasara-2024: Former Mayor laments commercialisation

Mysuru, Sept. 29 (BLU&DM)- Lamenting that Dasara festivities in the city is going commercial with the introduction of tickets for some events, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy observed that such actions will not bring any honour to the Government.

Sandesh Swamy

In a press release, Sandesh Swamy, a senior BJP leader and a former City Mayor, said that so far no Government had introduced tickets for watching Yuva Dasara events. But in a deviation from this practise, the current Congress Government has introduced hefty priced tickets (Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 8,000) for watching Yuva Dasara events from Galleries each day, he said.

He said that the Government has planned to sell 5,000 tickets daily in order to generate revenues. Pointing out that the spaces for watching will be occupied for ticket holders on one side and the bureaucracy and people representatives on the other, he wondered how the common man can watch the events smoothly after gaining free entry.

Observing that the change in venue of Yuva Dasara events (from Maharaja's College Grounds to city outskirts) would cause severe inconvenience to a large section of the people as well as tourists, he wanted the District Minister and the officials to reconsider the decision.

Strongly opposing the steep rise in rent of stalls of Dasara Food Mela, which attracts thousands of people every day, he urged the authorities to cut down the rent and thus come to the rescue of foodies. Taking exception to the sharp increase in the price of Dasara Gold Cards (Rs. 6,500), he also bemoaned the hike in entry fee for Dasara Expo (from Rs. 50 to Rs. 55).

Noting that Dasara is a festival celebrated by all classes and sections of the society, he said that the festivities should be a wholly cultural and inclusive one and the Government should not use this grand festival for filling its coffers. Swamy also wanted the Government to form a Dasara Authority.

TEASER

By N. Prakash

AT THE INTERACTION MEETING ON GST
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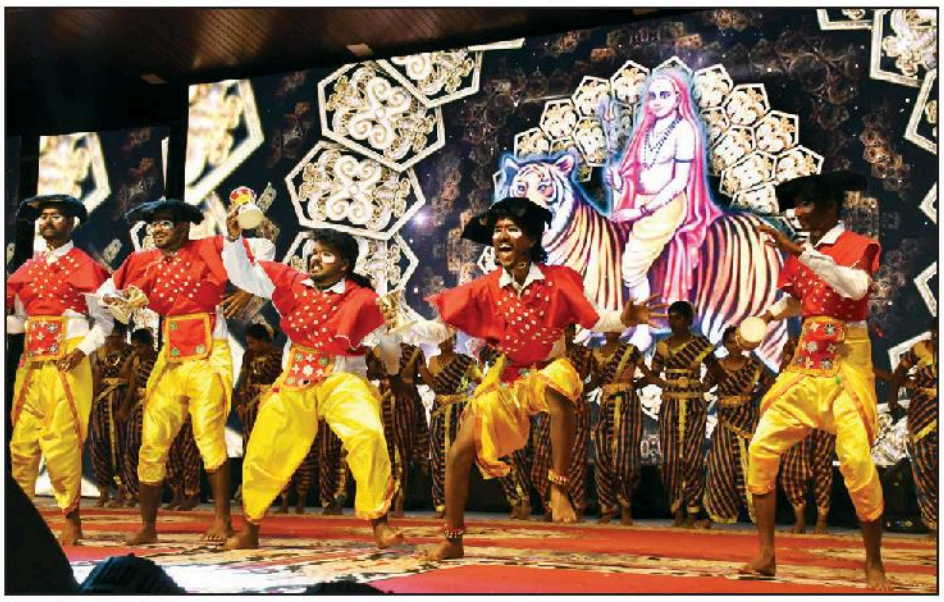
Yuva Sambhrama: Affection for Kannada, Karunadu highlights of Day-5



Mysuru, Sept. 29 (MK&VNS)- The Day-5 of Yuva Sambhrama-2024 witnessed students from various colleges showcasing affection towards Kannada language and Karunadu after offering penance to Lord Ganesha, the remover of obstacles and a symbol of good luck at Open Air Theatre in Manasagangothri here yesterday.

Students of various colleges performed on songs devoted to Lord Shiva, Maha Kali, Durga, Chamundeshwari apart from Lord Ganesha. They also performed some of the folk dances including Puja Kunita, Pattada Kunita, Veeragase, Huli Kunita, Kolata, Yakshagana apart from Punjabi folk and Bharatanatyam.

The team from Sri Adichunchanagiri First Grade College, Channarayapatna, Hardwicke Independent College, Padma Madegowda College, K.M. Doddi, Government First Grade College, Periyapatna, Mangaluru Independent FGC and Nirmala Composite PU College showcased the affection towards Kannada language through their performance.

Later, students from Government First Grade College, T. Narasipura, Amrita Vidyalayam, Mysuru, Government PU College, Karimuddanahalli, Hunsur, Government First Grade College, Talakad, Kaveri First Grade College and Sri Sharada First Grade College presented various folk dances. This was followed by devotional dance performances such as Shiva Tandava among others from students of First Grade College, Kengeri, First Grade College, Chinakurali, Sri Lakshmi Hayagreeva College, Sri H.D. Devegowda First Grade College, Holenarasipura and Sri Daksha Academy, Bengaluru.

Meanwhile, performances of students from Bharathi College, Mandya, JSS College of Pharmacy among others highlighted

women empowerment and the need for providing opportunities for women in every field.

The Government ITI College, N.R. Mohalla, in association with Department of Labour, created awareness on cancer through their dance performance.

Videos, photo-shoots near Dasara jumbos banned

Mysuru, Sept. 29 (MTY&KS)- As people were found making reels, clicking photos and selfies by going close to Dasara elephants which are housed in Mysore Palace premises, the Forest Department has put brakes to it by not allowing public to go near the shelter where these jumbos are housed.

Last week, many people, who had made reels and clicked photos with jumbos, had uploaded them on various social media platforms. The Forest Department took the decision of restricting people from making reels and clicking photos as they (public) used to crowd near Dasara jumbos and venture close to them. To restrict the public from going near jumbos' shelter, additional Police personnel have been deployed near the place which wore a deserted look yesterday.

Use Dasara jumbos to create awareness

Meanwhile, tourists have urged the Forest Department to make use of the Dasara jumbos to create awareness on wildlife conservation as human-wild animal conflicts are increasing day-by-day.

They have also urged the authorities concerned to at least allow tourists visiting the Palace to move on the path in front of the elephants' shelter so that they could look at the elephants from a safe distance.

They said that just because some people had made reels and clicked photos with Dasara jumbos, it is not right to restrict everyone and added that the Forest Department should allow people to have a glimpse of the Dasara jumbo squad and continue the restriction of making reels and clicking photos.

Puneet, a tourist from Bijapur, said that the Forest Department should make use of the opportunity and provide all information about the elephants to children, which will help the children gain knowledge about wildlife conservation.

Intl. Coffee Day celebrations on Oct. 1

Mysuru, Sept. 29 (GA&VNS)- Hassan District Planters Association will celebrate International Coffee Day on Oct. 1 in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at Mysore Palace North Gate at 10.30 am.

Addressing media persons at Pathrakartara Bhavan here, Association Hon. Secretary K.B. Lohith said that the event would be inaugurated by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar. Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Sri Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Sri Somanatha Swamiji will grace the occasion.

Former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, Association President A.S. Paramesh, Coffee Board President M.J. Dinesh, CEO Dr. K.G. Jagadish and others will be present.

On the occasion, the Association will distribute free coffee for 15,000 people.

A Holy trip in the name of God

Pious visit to Ayodhya, Prayagraj, Chitrakoot, Kashi and Gaya –2

On the banks of Sarayu Canal there are many temples colourfully illuminated for the Sarayu Arati which was a flop as mentioned in the part-1 of this article.

The first part was published yesterday. This is the concluding part. — Ed

By Rtn. Roopa Venkatesh

Roopa Venkatesh

Day 5 and 6: We left Prayagraj after a sumptuous breakfast to the famed temple town, the holiest of cities for Hindus, variously called, Kashi, Benares and Varanasi. Name Kashi is from the Sanskrit word *"kas"* — light. The city of light, of illumination (spiritual). The eternal city. Two rivers Varuna and Asi meet here, so it is called Varanasi. The word Benares came from this word, thanks to the colonial rulers.

We were a little miffed that we weren't able to go to Sangam, the holy confluence of 3 rivers — Ganga, Yamuna and the subterranean Saraswati. The river was in full spate, so all boats were off and we could not go to the spot where the three rivers converge. Seeing the Ganga, roaring and gushing, made us realise the destructive power of the rivers!!

We reached Kashi just in time for lunch which we had at Hotel **Sri Shivay.** A meal where a large plate is brought in with 8 cups for different varieties of food and then some more! Three kinds of roti, 3 kinds of rice and 3 different sweets, made sure we ate more than we should have!! Comparable to the **Bakasura thali** available elsewhere!! But Varanasi is a place for foodies. The food is rich and snacky and available everywhere and very very tasty!!

Lata Mangeshkar Chowk near river Sarayu, where the huge veena has been installed in memory of legendary singer who has sung many Ram Bhajans. Curiously Lata Mangeshkar's image was gaudily painted on a structure in front of the Veena Circle which looks odd.

Now that the stomach was well loaded, it was time for some more happiness!! Some happiness of the shopping kind!! Varanasi is famous for its silks among other things, like glass beads, toys, bangles etc. So, it was time for some shopping. Some went in groups returned separately, some met the others on their sprees. Some went to known shops, some went to new ones, some went to weavers, some others to recommendations. I dare say, end of the day, most women in the group went to bed a little bit happier!!

Visit to temple at 1.30 am !

We had planned to do the **Sparsh Linga Darshan** — touching of the idol (a phallic shaped stone sculpture known as *Shiva Linga*) at Sri Vishwanatha Temple (the main deity of the city). So we were up at 12.30, bathed and ready by 1.30 to stand in the long queue!! And to our chagrin, there were many people before us !! Anyway, by 3.30, the line began to move and soon we were in the temple.

We offered a mixture of milk and water along with flowers to the idol and felt blessed that we were able to touch the idol. People almost falling over in the process of trying to touch the Shiva Linga!! I wondered if God will give me more blessings if I touched the idol as I did so.

There are many small temples within the same premises, but what catches your eye is the Mosque within the precincts. It is beyond me to imagine how anyone can claim that the Mosque was the older structure, when there is a Nandi sitting quietly and patiently facing the Shiva Linga, which some claim is a fountain? While the Court decision is awaited, the interim decree allows *puja* once a day to the Shiva Linga idol.

All of us prayed that soon we will be able to offer prayers at the "real" temple. The temple itself has faced various onslaughts from Muslim invaders who looted the temples for their wealth, but every time faith has triumphed and rulers like **Ahilyabai Holkar** and others have restored the temples over and over again.

Kashi is a temple town, so there are many other temples to visit — Annapurna Temple, Vishalakshi Temple and yes the **Kaal Bhairav Temple**. It is said that Kaal Bhairav is the kotwal, the keeper, watchman, of Kashi. Anyone who visits Kashi must first visit Bhairav — and if you are pure of heart and intention, he will let you enter!! In fact Kashi is also the place of the Ashta (eight) Bhairavas. *Asitāṅga Bhairava, Ruru Bhairava, Chaṇḍa Bhairava, Krodha Bhairava, Unmatta Bhairava, Kapala Bhairava, Bhīṣaṇa Bhairava and Saṃhāra Bhairava*… each of them controlling one cardinal direction. And offering specific blessings. Then we went to

Pictures connected to the texts that could not be carried yesterday are carried today. Pictures are explained with captions. —Ed

Durga Devi Temple and the **Sankat Mochan Hanuman Temple** (believed to be constructed by Saint Tulsidas).

The **Shiva Puranas** mention 21,000 temples in Kashi, but now there are certainly many more. **Sadly, it has become a commercial venture.** Small corner — put up an idol, light two lamps and offer some flowers — lo and behold you have your own temple, where people make offerings of small change!! We rested like logs on returning to the hotel for late breakfast.

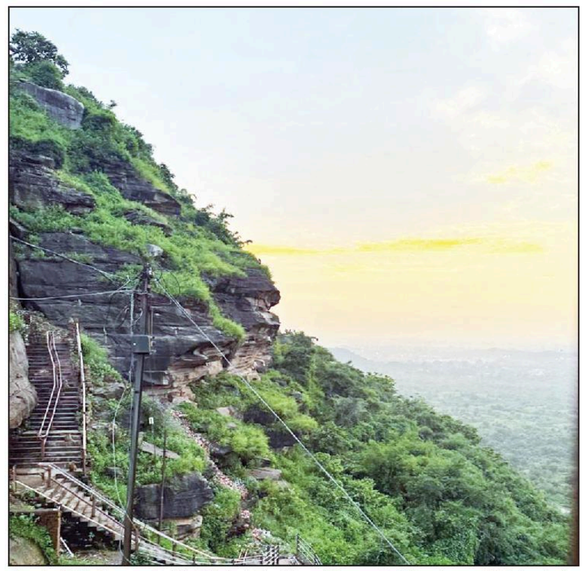
Post lunch we decided to visit **Sarnath,** a short 10 kms from Varanasi. **It is where Buddha preached his first Sermon to his 5 primary disciples, who later on carried it on to other parts of India and the world.** There stands a Buddha statue of 80 feet tall, surrounded by 12 of his Bhikshus. A huge Stupa is built, it is said, at the spot where Buddha gave his first sermon. *(See pic.)*

Ganga Aarti at 7 pm

Later in the evening, we wanted to see the **Ganga Aarti.** While the original plan was to watch the Aarti, which is held on the Ghats, from a boat in the river, due to the floods, we were not able to. So we decided to go and watch the *aarti* from the Ghats itself. Kashi has many Ghats with different names on the banks of river Ganga generally known as 'burning ghats' because of burning of dead bodies. The more well-known amongst them for Ganga Aarti is the Dashashwamedh Ghat. It is said, Brahma, the creator, performed the Ashwamedha Yajna 10 times here!! **We had to be seated about an hour in advance but could not suffer it, hence paid the price by standing for nearly 2 hours!! The *Aarti* is itself mesmerising and includes raising high up in the air of incense sticks, smoke pots and lighted conical shaped lamps in a rhythmic manner to loud devotional music.**

Chaats of Kashi

And then, how could we leave Kashi, without tasting the Chaats? Tamatar Chaat, Aloo Chaat, Papdi Chaat, … Chaat …. Chaat. Then, of course, we had to have the Banarasi Lassi (beaten buttermilk) which in other places is a drink, but here it is eaten with a spoon (made of thick curd, with dried fruits, saffron, honey etc.). And to round it all off, we had the famous **Banarasi Paan,** with one of the team members celebrating their birthday by treating us to all these delicacies!



Steps to climb to Hanuman Garhi in Chitrakoot. The picture of Hanuman Garhi temple was published yesterday.

Day 7 and 8. Bodh Gaya and Gaya: The journey from Kashi to Bodh Gaya is a straight 6.5 hours. Bodh Gaya is where one of the holiest temples for Buddhists is. Buddha was **enlightened** here, sitting under the Bodhi tree (Peepul tree). A large temple complex houses the temple which is a huge spire nearly 150 feet high. The idol is of Buddha seated in the **Bhumi Sparsha Mudra,** made by Ashoka, and later covered in gold by the Gupta Kings. Buddha serenely looks at us with his downcast eyes as we make our way to the altar and then exit from the side where the tree is. There is a small platform, where you can sit and meditate (but no enlightenment is guaranteed).

Come outside and you are besieged by hawkers trying to sell you Peepal leaves with a small painting of Buddha. Souvenirs brought, we took the proverbial route — a short walk, then an auto to take us to the parking lot to board the bus.'

Vishnu Pada

Gaya is also famous as a place where rituals are done for the departed souls by the Hindus. As Hindus believe that there is a cycle of rebirth, it is customary to offer rituals to ensure that the departed souls are liberated. So we went to Vishnu Pada.

Rituals here differ according to the region of the devotee (and, of course, by caste and sub-caste and sect etc.). So many States have their own Centres where they do these rituals, like Bengali Bhavan, Tamil Bhavan etc. We went to Karnataka Bhavana (the arrangements were made by one of our group members Vasudev Bhat) and the various rituals were done.

Personally speaking, as I had never had a chance to understand these rituals, I was able to see, hear and understand what it all really means. And I found it fascinating and enlightening. The *karta* (person doing the ritual) makes 108 balls of rice mixed with til (Black Sesame seeds), and places in three sets of 36 balls each. There is a ball of rice for each parent, grandparent, uncles, aunts, relations by marriage, cousins and even friends… Think of each of them and place the balls in three sets. A simple, elegant and effective way of remembering all our relatives, near and not-so-near ones!!

Then you take these 3 sets of balls of rice to offer them — one set to the **river Phalgu.** And another set to the **Vishnu Pada Temple** and then, another set to the **Akshayavat (The huge Banyan tree).** A wonderful way of saying that all human beings have a debt – to **water** (represented by the river), to **society** (represented by the temple) and to **nature** (represented by the tree). While we offer these rituals, we forget that these are symbolic not an act by itself. Here we are, polluting our rivers, damaging our society and destroying nature and yet offering rice balls as **Shraddha pinda dan!!** Our ancestors have given us lessons but we have taken the words and missed the messages!! Sad but true.

Legend is that there was a demon named Gayasura. He prayed to Brahma and received a boon that whoever looks at him, will attain Moksha. But Vishnu could not allow that to happen. After all, Moksha should be achieved through ones deed and fair actions. So, he came to Gayasura and pushed him into the netherworld. Gayasura realised his mistake but pleaded with Vishnu that he was hungry and needed to come up to feed. Vishnu blesses him that whenever anyone offers food in Gaya, it will nourish him and he will never go hungry.

The day when no one would offer him food, he is at liberty to come out and eat whoever and whatever he chooses. Fortunately, that day has still not come!! Mix of myth and faith.

This being the last leg of our journey, it was back to the hotel, pack bags and leave for the airport. Soon we were saying our goodbyes to the recently acquired family of friends. A wonderful 8 days spent in great company, with greater camaraderie, to create even better memories!!

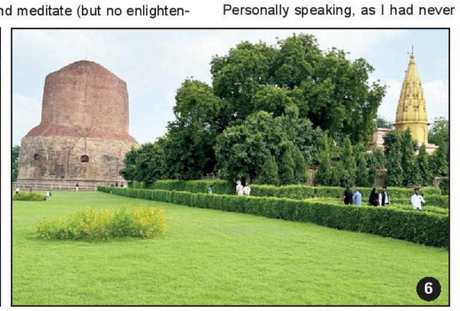
Pic. 1: A long-shot of Anand Bhavan where Nehru lived.

Pic. 2: Swaraj Bhavan where Indira Gandhi was born, just behind Anand Bhavan.

Pic. 3: Bathing beauties en route to Gupt Godwari (Chitrakoot).

Pic. 4: Vishnu Pada, Gaya.

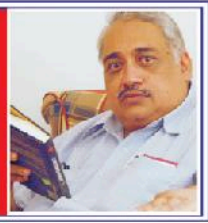
Pic. 5: A pic. shot from inside the bus on the main road, Sangam, Prayagraj.



Pic. 6: Dhamek Stupa Sarnath where Buddha delivered his first sermon.

Pic. 7: Entry to the road which goes to one of the gates of Vishwanath Temple.

Over a cup of evening Tea



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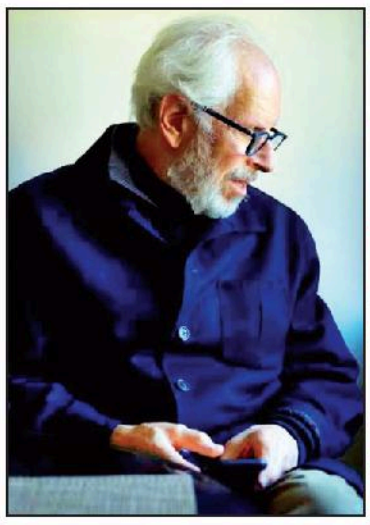
Two of our most despicable and disgusting fixations!



Stephen Shore

One of Stephen Shore's pictures

A 'No Chewing Gum' sign in Singapore

Very recently, **Stephen Shore, the celebrated American photographer,** who through his photography, depicted life in American cities, especially during the sixties and seventies, is said to have abruptly stopped his lecture at the **Central Academy of Fine Arts** in Beijing and walked out of the hall. He did this because he felt appalled and deeply disgusted by the number of people in the audience, who were constantly peering into their mobile phones even as he was speaking.

And, Stephen Shore is no ordinary man. Born in 1947, Shore travelled the length and breadth of the United States from 1973 to 1979 in a series of road trips during which he made hundreds of images with his unique theme called the **'American Main Street.'** He made it his mission to capture even the ordinary moments in American life, rather than only the dramatic events, which are captured and depicted by most other photographers.

And, his photographs of ordinary American life have won him much acclaim across the world and they have been much sought after as documentary evidence of the way America was then. Most prints of his work still continue to sell for anything between 5,000 and 10,000 US dollars each.

More than anything else, he has the unique distinction of being awarded a solo exhibition at the prestigious Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1971 and he is the first living photographer who has the privilege of being given this opportunity, while still alive. All the others until then, had been bestowed by this honour only posthumously.

Just before walking out, Shore is said to have questioned the logic of an audience that voluntarily chose to come to a lecture, only to focus their entire attention on their mobile phones. He very calmly said to the audience, *"Since we are talking about attention, I think we understand each other. But I saw dozens of you who spent the entire lecture looking at your phones. You've come here to hear a talk and you can't even pay attention to whom you've come to listen to. How can you then pay attention to what you are eating or feel and relish the warmth of the sunlight on your skin?"*

After a short stretch of silence, his sheepish audience erupted into an applause. In response, Shore said, *"Now that you have even applauded, I think this is a good place to stop,"* and he walked off the stage. No amount of pleading with him, by offering very lame excuses that they were only making notes of his lecture on their phones, could make the man relent.

Now, what I have narrated here is not just a stray incident we should be ashamed of, but something that we invariably see today, at every event, personal or public, that we happen to attend and this scenario is prevalent across the world. We are so fixated to the deeply absorbing and addicting content in our hand-held devices, that they have become as essential to our existence, as our breathing in and breathing out is! And, when we are not peering into our phones at least every few minutes, if not constantly, we are busy taking selfies or pictures of others with them. That we are disturbing the tranquillity of others and distracting their attention from the event, is something that we are just not bothered about.

I think the time has certainly come when we have to make it mandatory to keep all electronic devices switched off at all public events like lectures, conferences and concerts. Since most of these events do not last for more than two or three hours at the most, I'm sure we can learn to do without them, at least for short periods, like how it was, all the time, in the pre-mobile phone era. **It will only be a very minor inconvenience and a very small price to pay, for a very big amount of peace and tranquillity during any event, that needs these two qualities!**

Another modern-day menace that is not only annoying but outright disgusting, is the habit many people have cultivated these days of always munching on a wad of chewing gum, irrespective of where they are. And many of them do it, not only noisily and visibly but also with a daring display of their bubble-blowing prowess!

To get a not-so-personal and therefore a pain-free idea of what I am talking about, you only have to see the shots of the so-called elite audiences in the many shows that come on the TV.

While this was the preserve of only the youngsters until some time ago, the older ones amongst us too have now adopted it, perhaps to have a fake sense of feeling young and youthful. I have been seeing students chewing the cud so often at the many lectures which I am invited to deliver at schools and colleges that now, before starting my talk, I request the indulgers in the audience to go out and spit out what they are chewing, before returning to the hall, if they so desire. I am not perturbed one bit, by whether they chose to come back or not, because the choice is entirely theirs.

Interestingly, chewing gum has been banned in Singapore since 1992 for a number of reasons, the primary among them being that it becomes very difficult to clean litter. But the most precipitating reason for this was perhaps because on more than one occasion, it hampered the smooth functioning of their mass rail transport system, when chewing gum stuck on the train doors caused them to malfunction.

But this pernicious gum-chewing habit deserves to be banned by law in our country, at least in campuses and all public events because it has become so commonplace that we see it even during condolence meetings and most sadly, even while our national anthem is being sung or played!

Nothing can be more disrespectful than this to the greatness and glory of our nation and our sense of nationhood. Do think about it!

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Sharannavaratrotsava from Oct. 2 to 17

Mysuru, Sept. 29 (PM&DM)- **Sringeri Shankara Mutt in Fort Mohalla,** Mysuru, will be conducting a fortnight-long Sri Sharada Sharannavaratrotsava in the Mutt premises from Oct. 2.

The event will begin with *Mahabhisheka, pujas* and rituals at 7 am on Oct. 2 at Sri Sharada Parameshwari Sannidhi.

Other rituals: Oct. 3: Stree Sookta Homa, **Oct. 4:** Purusha Sookta Homa, **Oct. 5:** Rudraikadashani Homa, **Oct. 6:** Sahasra Modaka Ganapati Homa, **Oct. 7:** Lalitha Homa, **Oct. 8:** Sri Subramanya Homa, **Oct. 9:** Vidyasaraswathi Homa, **Oct. 10:** Sri Durga Homa, **Oct. 11:** Sri Navachandika Homa, **Oct. 12:** Sri Dhanwantri Homa, **Oct. 13:** Sri Lakshminarayana Hrudaya Homa, **Oct. 14:** Navagraha Sahita Mrutyunjaya Homa, **Oct. 15:** Sri Gayatri Homa, **Oct. 16:** Sri Kuberalakshmi Homa and **Oct. 17:** Yekachandi Homa.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2448213 or Mob: 94481-85448.

Swarna Nrusimha Datta Sai Peethika Seva Trust

As part of Sharannavaratri Mahotsava to be held under the aegis of Swarna Nrusimha Datta Sai Peethika Seva Trust from Oct. 3 to 12, Homas and other rituals will be conducted at Venkatarjuna Dhyana Mandira located near Harohalli on Mysuru-Bannur Road in the morning everyday and Lalitha Sahasranma and cultural programmes in the evenings at Guru Nivasa on Sonar Street in city, under the guidance of Arjuna Avadhoota.

Pratyangira Homa will be performed for global well-being at Venkatarjuna Dhyana Mandira, Bannur Road at 6 pm on Oct. 2, as part of *Mahalaya Amavasya*.

Oct. 3: Vanadurga Homa, **Oct. 4:** Lakshminarayana Hrudaya Homa, **Oct. 5:** Swayamvara Parvati Homa, **Oct. 6:** Bala Tripurasundari Homa, **Oct. 7:** Lalitha Homa, **Oct. 8:** Shreesookta Homa, **Oct. 9:** Saraswathi Homa, **Oct. 10:** Durga Homa, **Oct. 11:** Chandi Homa and **Oct. 12:** Deepotsava will be held at Dhyana Mandira at 6 pm. The Homas will be performed at 10 am on all the days.

Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra

Sharannavaratri will also be celebrated at Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra of Uttaradi Mutt in Srirampura, Mysuru, from Oct. 3 to 12. Everyday, there will be *Vishnusahasranama Paarayana* at 8 am.

Oct. 12: *Mahapanchamrutha Abhisheka* will take place at 7 am as part of Vijayadashami. Also, a grand procession will be taken out from Vivekananda Circle to Srirampura Mutt at 5 pm the same evening. For details, contact Mob: 81472-05326.

Footwear to mahouts, kavadis distributed

Mysuru, Sept. 29 (MTY&KS)- Footwears manufactured by Babu Jagjivan Ram Leather Industry Development Corporation (LIDKAR) were distributed to mahouts and kavadis by District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa yesterday.

A total of 14 elephants from various elephant camps have arrived to city to take part in Dasara. Along with them, their mahouts and kavadis, cooks and assistants numbering over 50 people have arrived. The footwear was distributed to all.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Dr. Mahadevappa said that Sandalwood actor Daali Dhananjaya, who is the brand ambassador for LIDKAR, is serving without seeking any honorarium and promoting the products.

Actor Daali Dhananjaya, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, LIDKAR Managing Director Vasundhara and others were present.

Dasara Flower Show

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Each year, the show captivates audiences with intricate floral structures, and this year is no exception, featuring three unique designs under one roof.

In honour of International Democracy Day, the floral displays will emphasise the significance of democracy. The centrepiece will be the replica of the new Parliament House in New Delhi, elegantly crafted from white and red flowers.

Another prominent display will be the Anubhava Mantapa, which holds historical significance as a 12th-century forum created by the revolutionary Basavanna, where saints from all religions convened to promote social reform and equality. This representation aims to highlight the enduring message of equality from that era.

Additionally, the teachings of Gautama Buddha will be showcased in the form of a Legislative Assembly, recreating the assembly hall with thousands of flowers to convey the spiritual and philosophical lessons from Buddha's time.

Each floral structure will face a different direction, with the Parliament House at the forefront, and the Anubhava Mantapa and Legislative Assembly structures positioned at the back. Surrounding these stunning models, colourful flower pots sourced from Pune and other regions will create a vibrant atmosphere.

Currently, expert teams from Bengaluru and Mysuru are diligently working on welding iron pipes to construct the frames for these elaborate floral designs. The ironwork is expected to be finalised in the next two days, after which a sponge will be added to shape the structures, followed by the final addition of flowers to complete the breathtaking displays by Oct. 2.

The Dasara Flower Show promises to be a spectacular celebration of creativity, culture, and democracy, inviting all to witness the beauty of nature artfully intertwined with significant historical and cultural themes.

Rave party

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With over 150 participants, additional Police forces were required. Upon the Police's arrival, the generator was switched off, and in the chaos that followed, several party-goers fled amidst rain and darkness. We are working to identify those who escaped," he added.

Although no narcotics were found, Police seized liquor bottles, tobacco products, 25 cars, and 18 two-wheelers. The farmhouse is owned by one Shankar and Arjun, and a special team has been formed to investigate further, the SP said.

Mahisha Dasara

Prohibitory orders clamped till 6 am tomorrow

Mysuru, Sept. 29 (RK&BS)- The City Police have clamped prohibitory orders under Section 163 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), effective from yesterday midnight, in the wake of Mahisha Dasara celebrations today, in the City Police Commissionerate limits.

The prohibitory orders is in place from Sept. 28 midnight to 6 am of tomorrow (Sept. 30).

According to the notification issued by City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, except within Town Hall premises, the prohibitory orders is applicable at Chamundi Hill.

The processions, rallies, raising slogans for and against, bursting of crackers, gathering of five and more persons, using sound equipment, procession of idols, are the other restrictions issued, adds the notification from City Police Chief.

Prathap Simha dares Mahisha Dasara organisers

Mysuru, Sept. 29- Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha had dared the organisers of Mahisha Dasara Committee to celebrate Mahisha Dasara atop Chamundi Hill in the city.

Prathap Simha

In a post on his 'X' account yesterday, Simha had stated *"Let's see how the floral tributes will be offered to the statue of Mahishasura at the hill,"* in a reply to the President of Mahisha Dasara Committee R. Purushotham, the former Mayor, who had made an announcement on these lines. Simha posted his one line reply, by tagging the report related to Mahisha Dasara published in the media.

The controversy surrounding Mahisha Dasara celebrations resurfaces every year during Mysuru Dasara.

Mysuru Lokayukta forms 4 teams to probe CM, family

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According to sources, discussions have focused on gathering evidence and securing key documents related to FIR number 11/2024.

Those named in the FIR include CM Siddaramaiah, his wife B.M. Parvathi, his brother-in-law B.M. Mallikarjunaswamy, land owner J. Devaraju and others. The investigation teams will first acquire documents from MUDA pertaining to the alleged scam, avoiding the active involvement of officers from other departments, such as revenue, while preparing a detailed report on their findings. Sources said that documents and information will be collected from other departments if need be.

In a new twist, complainant Snehamayi Krishna has filed an additional complaint with the Enforcement Directorate (ED), intensifying the troubles for the Chief Minister.

In a 16-page email and letter to the Bengaluru ED director, Snehamayi Krishna elaborated on accusations of corrupt practices within MUDA and called for an investigation under the Money Laundering Act. He alleges that CM Siddaramaiah abused his power to secure 14 sites in his wife's name, further inflaming tensions in Karnataka's political sphere.

Mr V. Krishna Kamath *was awarded honorary doctorate in marketing by World Peace of United Nations University on 28th September 2024, at Hotel The Ashok, Nitimarg, Diplomatic Enclave, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, which is approved by Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India.*

—Promotional Feature

Government Hospitals have more knowledgeable doctors: CM

SITTING FROM LEFT: ***Dr. Umesh Kamath (on behalf of philanthropist Dr. Jagannath Shenoy, who sponsored the renovation of MMC&RI Meeting Hall), ex-serviceman Dr. K.M. Suryanarayan, RGUHS first Vice-Chancellor Dr. Kantha Jadhav, senior physician Dr. P.S. Shankar, RGUHS second Vice-Chancellor Dr. Chandrashekar Shetty and Dr. Kanagal Satyanarayana, who were felicitated at MMC&RI in city yesterday, are seen with*** *(standing from left)* ***MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, Medical Education Department Principal Secretary Mohammad Mohsin, MLA K. Harishgowda, Medical Education Minister Dr. Sharanprakash Patil, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, CM Siddaramaiah, MLAs Tanveer Sait and Srinivas, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Guarantee Schemes Implementation Authority Vice-Chairperson Dr. Pushpa Amarnath and others. Picture right shows CM Siddaramaiah unveiling the silver coins brought out on the occasion.***

Mysuru, Sept. 29 (SBD&DM)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that the Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) of the city which is celebrating its centenary, has the distinction of producing as many as 9,000 doctors in its 100 years of existence.

He was speaking after inaugurating the valedictory of the MMC&RI Centenary celebrations and Foundation stone laying for various developmental works at the MMC Library block in the Medical college premises at a programme organised by the Department of Medical Education and Engineering section of Health and Family welfare department here yesterday.

Pointing out that the Medical college established by Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar in 1924 at Bengaluru, moved to Mysuru in 1930, Siddaramaiah said that this was the first Medical college in the State and the Seventh one in the country.

"I feel that Government doctors are more knowledgeable than private doctors as they have vast and varied experience. Government Hospitals should challenge private Hospitals in terms of quality treatment and care. Most often, poor patients turn to Government Hospitals for health care and it is the responsibility of Government doctors to provide quality treatment", he said.

Pointing out that Doctors are an asset of the society, Siddaramaiah said patients consider Doctors as their God (Vaidyo Narayana Harihi) .

Recalling that he too once dreamt of becoming a Doctor as a student of his village had joined Mysore Medical college, Siddaramaiah said he used to visit the nearby MMC canteen when he was a student at Vidyavardhaka school in the early sixties and used to savour Masala Dosa for just 19 paise then. However, his dreams of becoming a Doctor did not materialise, he said adding that, however, he was happy that he was part of the centenary celebrations of the Medical college.

Medical Education Minister Dr. Sharanprakash Patil in his address, said that there are at present 71 Medical colleges in the State including 24 Government colleges. Pointing out that it was the Siddaramaiah led Congress Government which took a decision to establish Government Medical college in all the districts in 2013, Patil asserted that Karnataka is leading in Medical education in the country. Stating that a 100-bed capacity Nephro-Urology unit is being set up in Mysuru, he said that the MBBS seats in MMC&RI has been increased to 200 from the current 150, for which he credited the CM.

District In-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa said after the period of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, Mysuru district has seen much development under the leadership of Siddaramaiah. The Siddaramaiah Government has allocated grants for all development plans of MMC&RI, K.R. Hospital and all other major Government Hospitals in the city and district, he added.

MLA Tanveer Sait said that Mysuru is growing fast as an educational hub and there was a need for a second Government Medical college for the city. He appealed Siddaramaiah, who has provided funds for many centenary Institutions, to consider this and take measures for sanctioning another Medical college for the city.

Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS), Bengaluru's first Vice-Chancellor Dr. Kantha Jadhav, who is also an alumnus of MMC&RI, said that the Government should not use the fees money of RGUHS students and urged the Government to take back the order issued in this regard.

Siddaramaiah laid the Foundation stone for construction of a new OPD Block and a Human Milk (Breast Milk) bank Unit building in K.R. Hospital premises. He also inaugurated CT Scan ning machine and Skin Bank and released the Silver coin, Special Postal Cover and a Souvenir marking the MMC&RI centenary celebrations on the occasion.

Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda presided.

MLA Dr. Srinivas, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Guarantee Schemes implementation Authority Vice-Chairperson Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, Medical Education Department Principal Secretary Mohammad Mohsin, RGUHS Vice-Chancellor M.K.Ramesh, DIG (Southern Range) Dr.M.B. Boralingaiah, DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayini and others were present.

'Extortion linked to electoral bonds'

FIR against FM Nirmala Sitharaman, Vijayendra, Nalin Kateel and others

Bengaluru, Sept. 29 (Agencies)- In a major development, Karnataka Police registered an FIR against Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday over allegations of extortion linked to electoral bonds.

The FIR was filed by Tilak Nagar Police in Bengaluru, following directions from the Special Court of MLAs/MPs. Nirmala Sitharaman has been named the primary accused, with Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials as the second accused, Central BJP office bearers as the third, former Karnataka BJP MP Nalin Kumar Kateel as the fourth, and State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra as the fifth. State BJP office bearers have been listed as the sixth accused.

Nirmala Sitharaman

Vijayendra

Nalin Kateel

Charges have been filed under IPC Sections 384 (extortion), 120B (criminal conspiracy) and 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention). The Special Court directed the FIR against Sitharaman and others for allegedly using electoral bonds for extortion.

Adarsh R. Iyer, Co-President of Janaadhikaara Sangharsha Parishat, is the complainant. The court ordered the FIR after hearing the case on Friday, with the next hearing scheduled for Oct. 10.

The complainant accuses Sitharaman, in collusion with others, of orchestrating an extortion scheme through electoral bonds, allegedly benefiting by over Rs. 8,000 crore. According to the complaint, the accused, aided by officials, extorted corporate CEOs and MDs through threats of raids and arrests, compelling them to purchase electoral bonds.

The complaint further claims that the extorted funds were funnelled for the benefit of the third and fourth accused, implicating BJP officials at various levels in an extensive extortion racket.

e-Khata mandatory for property registration

Mysuru, Sept. 29 (RK&VNS)- Henceforth e-khata will be mandatory for the process of registration of properties in 18 districts of the State including Mysuru, stated an order issued by A.G. Veena, Under Secretary, Revenue Department (Registration and Stamps).

The new order will come into effect from Oct. 7 in Mysuru, Bengaluru Rural, Udupi, Karwar, Mangaluru, Dharwad, Vijayapura, Vijayanagar, Kodagu, Mandya, Ramanagara, Yadgir, Tumakuru, Shivamogga, Kolar, Kalaburagi, Gadag and Belagavi districts.

The registration of properties in urban areas must be done through e-Swathu software. Any violation of new rules, would invite action against the officials and staff concerned, said orders.

e-Khatas has been made mandatory to prevent illegal and fraudulent deals in the registration of properties. In urban areas, properties are being registered with e-Aasthi as part of a pilot project. The e-Khatas can be registered online and downloaded exclusively for properties in urban areas, including Bengaluru city.

Obituary

Madappa

Mysuru, Sept. 29- Madappa (91), retired MCC employee and a resident of Anikethana Road in Kuvempunagar, passed away yesterday in city. A senior Kannegowdanakoppal (KG Koppal) leader, he leaves behind his wife, two sons including Congress leader Ambarish, one daughter, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at KG Koppal Burial Grounds this afternoon.

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  Upendra (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** **Ph: 2443568**
  Devara - Part 1 (Te) - 4 Shows
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- **Lido Theatre** **Ph: 2420885**
  Hagga (K) - 2 Shows; *Upendra (K)* - 2 Shows
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  Meiyazhagan (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** **Mob: 98863-25207**
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  Hitler (Ta) - 4 Shows
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  Petta Rap (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** **Ph: 2452958**
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Look Back Beyond The Blades (E)	(S-1)	10.20 am
Meiyazhagan (Ta)	(S-1)	12.45 pm, 4.15; (S-2) 10.05 pm
Devara - Part 1 (Te)	(S-1)	7.45 pm
	(S-4)	8 am, 11.45 am, 3.15 pm 6.45 pm, 10.10 pm
Stree 2 (H)	(S-2)	10.10 am
Petta Rap (Ta)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Hitler (Ta)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali (K)	(S-2)	7 pm; (S-3) 1.10 pm
Kedharnath Kuri Farm (K)	(S-3)	10.40 am
Sanju (K)	(S-3)	4.25 pm
Anna (K)	(S-3)	7 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	(S-3)	9.40 pm

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Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
The Greatest of All Time (Ta)	(S-1)	6.25 pm
Hitler (Ta)	(S-1)	9.45 pm
Devara – Part 1 (Te)	(S-2)	8 am, 11.20 am, 2.40 pm 6.05 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-3)	8 pm
Devara – Part 1 (K)	(S-3)	10 am, 1.20 pm, 4.40 pm
	(S-4)	7.15 pm
Ibbani Thabbida Ileyali (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 1.30 pm
Hitler (Ta)	(S-4)	4.35 pm

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Devara - Part 1 (Te)	:	7.50 am, 9.30 am, 11.30 am 1.10 pm, 3.10 pm, 4.50 pm, 6.50 pm 8.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Devara - Part 1 (K)	:	10.50 am, 2.50 pm, 6.10 pm
Devara - Part 1 (H)	:	2.30 pm, 9.50 pm
Meiyazhagan (Ta)	:	9 am, 12.35 pm, 6.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	:	11.30 am
A.R.M (Ma)	:	11.40 am
Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali (K)	:	2.55 pm
Tumbbad (H)	:	4.10 pm
Taal (H)	:	6.30 pm
Kishkindha Kaandam (Ma)	:	9.30 pm
Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank (H)	:	10.15 pm
Dharmaveer: Mukkam Post Thane 2 (Marathi)	:	6.15 pm

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Devara - Part 1 (K)	:	10.10 am, 1.50 pm, 9.10 pm
Devara - Part 1 (Te)	:	11 am, 2.40 pm, 5.30 pm 6.20 pm, 9.30 pm, 10 pm
Devara - Part 1 (H)	:	12.50 pm
Kedarnath Kuri Farm (K)	:	10.10 am
Meiyazhagan (Ta)	:	11 am, 5.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali (K)	:	2.35 pm
Tumbbad (H)	:	4.30 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	:	7.05 pm

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Devara - Part 1 (K)	:	10 am, 5.20 pm
Devara - Part 1 (H)	:	3.10 pm
Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali (K)	:	9.30 am, 7 pm
Meiyazhagan (Ta)	:	11.30 am, 6.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Hitler (Ta)	:	12.50 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	:	3.40 pm
Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank (H)	:	10.20 pm

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Devara - Part 1 (Te)	:	6.50 am, 7.50 am, 11.30 am 1.10 pm, 3.10 pm, 6.50 pm 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Devara - Part 1 (K)	:	10.30 am, 2.10 pm, 5.50 pm
Devara - Part 1 (Ma)	:	10 pm
Kedarnath Kuri Farm (K)	:	10.30 am
Meiyazhagan (Ta)	:	10.40 am, 3 pm, 10.15 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.20 pm
Sanju (K)	:	4.50 pm
Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali (K)	:	6.40 pm
Hitler (Ta)	:	7.25 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (SEPT. 29)

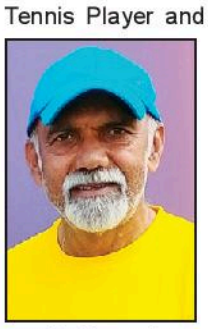
- **Gujarat State Handloom & Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd. (GSHHDC), Government of Gujarat and JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Mysuru:** Garvi Gurjari ODOP Hastkala Exhibition & Sale, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru:** 44th International Nirantara Kalemane Festival, Dr. Jamunarani V. Mirle, artist and writer, Dr. Kumudhini Achchi, artiste & Secretary, Bharathiya Nruthya Kalaparishat, Dr. Sparsha Shenoy, Bharatanatyam artiste, Vidu. Lakshmy Vinod, Research Scholar, Vidu. N. Renuka, Research Scholar and Vidu. Apoorva Siri, Research Scholar, chief guests; 'Geervaana Vaani - Bharathi Mahakaviyin Margam' by Vidu. Swati Athmanathan, Great- granddaughter of Mahakavi Subrahmanyam Bharathiyar and senior disciple of Padma Bhushan Prof. C.V. Chandrasekhar; Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Gayatri Kulkarni, Artistic Director, Nrityadarpan Academy of Fine Arts, Bengaluru and her disciples; Bharatanatyam recital by Vidu. Manju K. Nair; Kuchupudi performance by Vid. Gururaju N. Bengaluru, disciple of Guru Vyjayanthi Kashi; Bharatanatyam by disciples of Vidu. Anusha Varun, Artistic Director, Nruthyathi Kalaashaale, Mysuru and Bharatanatyam by Arundhati Gopal, Kalemane Sabhaangana, Hebbal 2nd Stage, **2.30 pm.**
- **Vinayaka Kreeda haagu Samaja Seva Samsthe:** Pratibha Puraskar-2024 presentation, Sri Jnanaprakash Swamiji inaugurates, Vinayaka Kreeda haagu Samaja Seva Samsthe President S. Anandamurthy presides, Vinayaka Kreeda haagu Samaja Seva Samsthe Secretary M.K. Revanna delivers keynote address, Centre for Information Science and Technology (CIST) Founder-Director Prof. A. Balasubramanian and Law Professor Ramesh chief guests; Felicitation to Karnataka State Government SC/ST Employees Association President D. Chandrashekaraiah, social activist AHINDA Javarappa and MDJA President K. Deepak, Buddha Dhyana Mandira, K. Shivaram Grounds, 3rd Cross, Ashokapuram, **5 pm.**
- **Mysore English Theatre Forum (METF):** 3rd edition of College English Theatre Festival 2024, Staging of play 'Oliver Wants More' by Sapient College of Commerce, Charles Dickens wrote Oliver Twist, of which this is an excerpt, directed by Mohammed Umar, **5 pm;** Staging of play 'The Bear' by MMK&SDM College, written by Anton Chekhov, directed by Ujwala S. Shetty, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **7 pm.**
- **Lahari Music, Raag Music Band and Vijayanarasimha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** Inauguration of Sugama Sangeetha Music Programme (Live Music), MLA K. Harishgowda, Sugama Sangeetha Parishat Mysuru District Unit President Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy, former Corporator K.V. Sridhar, Vijayanarasimha Charitable Trust President S.R. Manjunath, Lahari Velu of Lahari Music, poet Dr. Jayappa Honnalli, Mahila Lekhani & Police Vartha Pathrike Editor S. Savitha Gowda, Aryan of Gandhadagudi Foundation and Akhila Karnataka Vokkaligara Mahasabha Founder-State President N. Bettegowda will be present; SaReGaMaPa Jury & singer R. Mahendra, Sugamana Sangeetha singers Latha Manjunath and Manjushree Dhruvaraj will perform, accompanied by V.S. Dhruvaraj (Music Director, Shivamogga), Ramesh (tabla player, Bhadravati), Melvin Leema (keyboard player, Shivamogga) and Kiran (drummer, Mysuru), R.J. Dushyant special comperer, Sri Chamundeshwari Bayalu Rangamantapa, High Tension Road, near Vidyavardhaka College, Mahadeshwara Layout, **5.30 pm.**
- **Srikrishna Gana Sabha:** Vocal Music by Dr. Vidyabhushana in memory of late M.L. Raje Urs, Matadipathy of Malavalli, Kappadi and Honnayakana Halli sponsored by his daughter Dr. M.R. Bharathi Urs, Accompanying artistes are Vidu. Pruthvi Bhasker on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Sabha premises, Gokulam, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Jnanayogandaji speaks on 'Sri Ramakrishna Vachanaveda' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**
- **Niranthara Foundation:** Valedictory of Sahajaranga-2024, staging of play 'Krishnegowdana Aane,' directed by Jeevan Kumar B. Heggod, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **6.30 pm.**
- **N.R. Mohalla Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust:** Grand vocal concert by Vid. N.R. Prashanth, accompanied by Vidu. Adithi Krishnaprakash on violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata, Sri Prasanna Mahaganapathi Temple, Shivaji Road, N.R. Mohalla, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Rakta Vilapa,' written by Dr. Vikram Visaji and directed by Praveen Reddy Gunjahalli, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

EVENTS TOMORROW (SEPT. 30)

- **Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled and Maharanis Commerce and Management College for Women, Mysuru and Hyundai Motors:** Distribution of equipment to differently abled of Mysuru Division, District Disabled Welfare Officer Shankargouda Patil inaugurates, College Principal Prof. Somanna presides, College auditorium, **10.30 am.**
- **Anveshana Seva Trust:** Former Kuvempu University Vice-Chancellor Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda releases the book 'Ursu Chutuku Sparshagalu,' edited by MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Mysuru District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar presides, former Minister M. Shivanna, Ursu Jagruti Academy Charitable Trust Vice-President H.A. Venkatesh, Anveshana Seva Trust Founder-President Arya Amarnathraje Urs & noted Chutuku writer Dr. MGR Urs chief guests, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **10.30 am.**
- **Ha.Ma.Na. Pratishtana, Mysuru and Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), University of Mysore (UoM):** UoM Dr. Ha.Ma. Nayak Memorial Lecture on 'Medule Jeevajatada Pradhananga' by Dr. K.J. Rao, retd. Professor, UoM; Ha.Ma.Na. Pratishtana President and writer Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa presides, Einstein auditorium, DoS in Physics, Manasagangothri, **4 pm.**
- **Hale Beru Hosa Chiguru Cultural Trust, Mysuru:** 'Somgeeta Sammilana' programme featuring Kannada-Hindi songs, MLA M.K. Somashekar inaugurates, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev presides, Mysuru City (District) Brahmana Sangha President D.T. Prakash, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal and social worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee chief guests, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5 pm.**

Masters Tennis Player excels

Mysuru, Sept. 29- Masters Tennis Player and Coach from Mysuru, R. Nagaraj, won the Singles title in the ITF Masters 400 Tennis Tournament held at Jhajjar in Haryana from Sept. 22 to 27.



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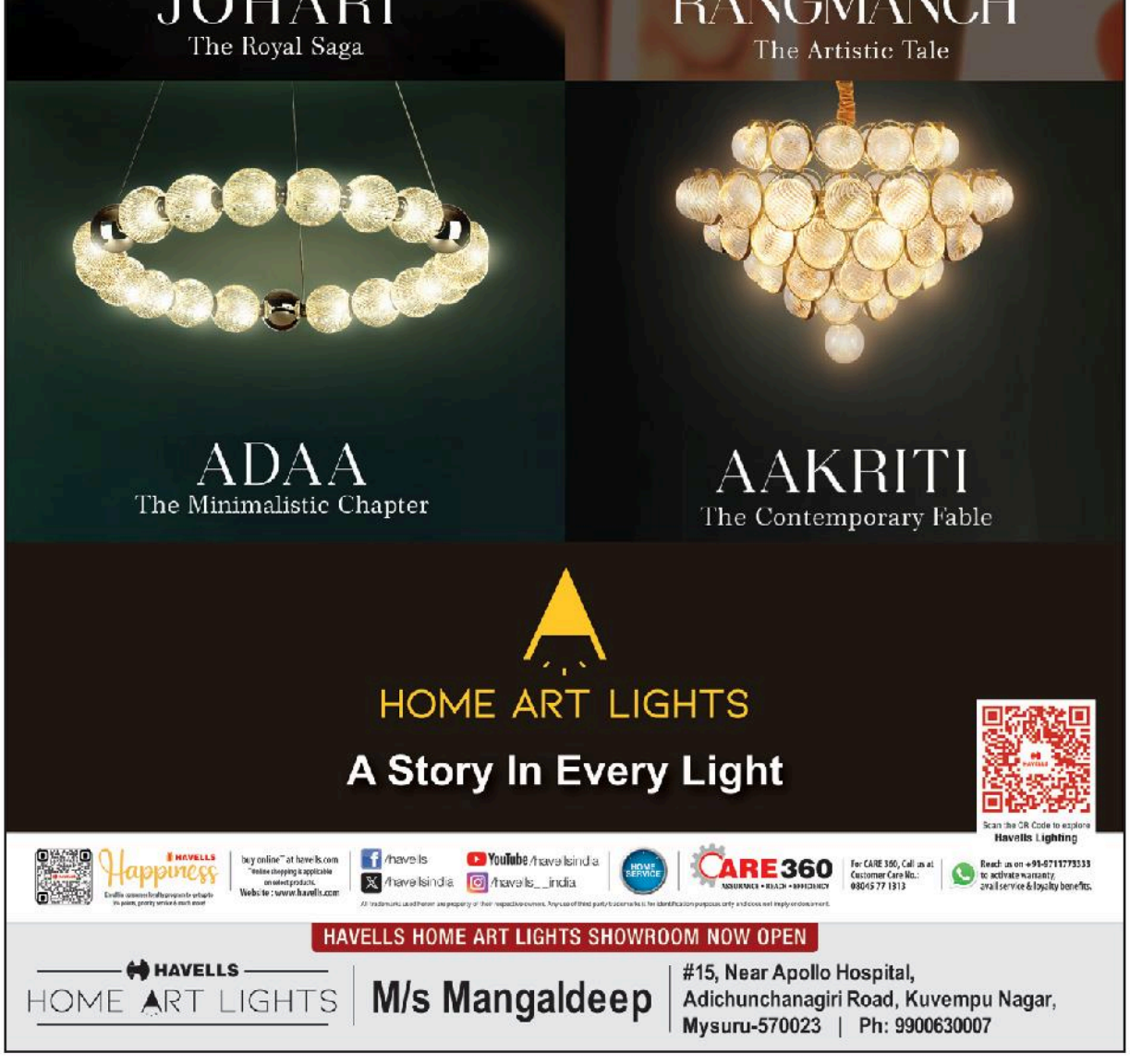

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